



JENKS FIRE & RESCUE

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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Greg Ostrum, Fire Chief

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Subject: International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Fire-Rescue International 2026 Documentary Opportunity

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Mayor and City Council of an opportunity for the Jenks Fire Department to be featured during the official International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Fire-Rescue International (FRI) 2026 conference, one of the most prominent gatherings of fire and emergency service leaders in the world.

Background

The Jenks Fire Department has been contacted by IAFC TV regarding the potential development of a five-minute documentary-style case study highlighting our department's recent accomplishments and vision for the future. The documentary would be broadcast during Fire-Rescue International (FRI) 2026, which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, August 12–14, 2026.

According to IAFC TV, the Jenks Fire Department was identified as a potential candidate due to several significant achievements, including:

- The successful opening of our new \$4.7 million fire station earlier this year.
- The SAFER Grant-funded six new firefighters.
- The in-house fire academy training program.
- The department's continued commitment to innovation, growth, and strategic planning.
- The unique perspective of leadership continuity and long-term departmental development within the community.

Significance

Fire-Rescue International attracts thousands of fire service leaders, emergency managers, elected officials, and public safety professionals from across North America and around

the world. Departments selected for these features are recognized for innovative practices, leadership, and forward-thinking approaches to public safety.

Being considered for inclusion provides an opportunity to:

- Showcase the City of Jenks and the Jenks Fire Department on an international stage.
- Highlight the City's investment in public safety infrastructure and personnel.
- Recognize the dedication, professionalism, and accomplishments of the firefighters, officers, and support staff who have contributed to the department's success.
- Share best practices and lessons learned with the broader fire service community.
- Reinforce Jenks' reputation as a progressive and growing community committed to high-quality emergency services.

Next Steps

Jenks staff has met with IAFC TV for an initial discussion to determine whether there is a strong mutual fit for the documentary project. Both the IAFC and city staff feel that this is a great opportunity for the City of Jenks and the fire department. The special appropriation before you will finalize and approve the project to move forward with a filming date end of June, early July.

Conclusion

This invitation reflects the substantial progress the Jenks Fire Department has made in recent years and serves as recognition of the outstanding work being performed by our personnel. Regardless of whether the department ultimately participates, being considered for this opportunity is a testament to the commitment of our firefighters and staff, as well as the support provided by the Mayor, City Council, and community in advancing public safety initiatives.